

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 175

WEDNESDAY, 21 MAY 1980

1 The House met, at 2.15 p.m., pursuant to adjournment. Mr Speaker (the Right Honourable Sir Billy Snedden) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2 PETITIONS: The Clerk announced that the following Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:

Mr Birney, Mr Bouchier, Mr Braithwaite, Mr Bungey, Mr Cadman, Mr D. M. Cameron, Mr Carlton, Mr Dean, Mr Drummond, Dr Edwards, Mr Ellicott, Dr Everingham, Mr FitzPatrick, Mr Fry, Mr Giles, Mr Haslem, Mr Humphreys, Mr Jull, Mr Killen, Mr McLean, Mr McVeigh, Mr Martyr, Mr Millar, Mr Moore, Mr Neil, Mr Ruddock, Mr Sainsbury, Mr Short, Mr Simon and Mr Wilson—from certain citizens praying that contributions to superannuation funds be removed from the rebate system and made a separate deduction from assessable income.

Mr Holding, Mr Humphreys, Mr Hurford, Mr Jacobi, Mr James, Mr L. K. Johnson, Mr C. K. Jones, Mr Kerin, Dr Klugman, Mr J. L. McMahon and Mr Martin—from certain citizens praying that recognition be given to the rights of Australian workers in the textile, clothing and footwear industries and that the proposed tariff experiments of the Industries Assistance Commission in these industries be rejected.

Mr Baume, Mr Innes, Dr Jenkins, Mr C. K. Jones, Mr Keating, Mr Lynch, Mr L. B. McLeay, Mr Nixon, Mr Sainsbury and Mr Uren—from certain citizens praying that pensions and benefits be increased and adjusted quarterly and that greater taxation relief be given to pensioners and others on low incomes.

Mr E. C. Cameron, Mr Howe, Mr P. F. Johnson, Mr Lusher and Mr Martyr—from certain citizens praying that the National Women's Advisory Council be abolished.

Mr Bradfield, Mr Cairns, Mr D. M. Cameron and Mr Drummond—from certain citizens praying that taxation laws be amended to increase incentives to persons providing for their own retirement benefits.

Mr Chapman and Mr McVeigh—from certain citizens praying that the Metric Conversion Act be repealed and the traditional and familiar weights and measures be restored.

Mr Fry and Mr Newman—from certain citizens praying that steps be taken to allow child-care expenses as a deductible item from taxpayers' assessable income.

Mr James and Mr Keating—from certain sports men and women and others praying that the participation of a full Australian contingent at the Moscow Olympic Games be ensured.

Mr Armitage—from certain citizens praying that the National Women's Advisory Council be maintained and Federal Government support for its activities be increased.

Mr D. M. Cameron—from certain citizens praying that laws be passed to outlaw discrimination in employment and in the provision of unemployment benefits, based upon race, ethnic origin, marital status and sex.

Mr Dean—from certain citizens praying that the Government approve proposals such as that by Ansett Airlines of Australia to operate a service between Townsville, Qld, and Singapore via Darwin, N.T., and that an international airport in north Queensland be proceeded with.

Mr Humphreys—from certain citizens praying that contributions to health insurance funds be tax deductible.

Mr Humphreys—from certain citizens praying that legislation be introduced to require labelling of perfumes, cosmetics and toilet preparations to indicate any use of animal ingredients during manufacture.

Mr Young—from certain citizens praying that the *Commonwealth Employees (Employment Provisions) Act 1977* be repealed.

Petitions received.

3 DISTINGUISHED VISITOR: Mr Speaker informed the House that the Right Honourable Edward Lumley, M.P., Canadian Minister of State for Trade, was present in the gallery. On behalf of the House, Mr Speaker extended to the visitor a very warm welcome.

4 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

5 PAPERS: The following papers were presented:

By command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Australian Fisheries Council—Resolutions—9th Meeting, Lindeman Island, Qld, 2 November 1979.

Commissioner for Superannuation—Interim report for year 1978–79, and an interim report of the Superannuation Fund Investment Trust for year 1978–79.

Educational Progress—National Assessment—Education Research and Development Committee Report No. 26.

“Fawnmac Group”—Fawns & McAllan Pty Ltd, Rotary Tableting Corporation Pty Ltd, Croydon Investments Pty Ltd and Barker House Pty Ltd—Report and financial accounts, for year 1978–79.

Road Safety Office—Department of Transport—Report dated January 1979—Rules of Precedence at Intersections—An examination of alternatives for Australia.

United Nations—General Assembly—34th Session, New York, 18 September to 20 December 1979 and 26 December 1979 to 7 January 1980—Report of Australian Delegation.

Pursuant to statute:

Education Research Act—Education Research and Development Committee—9th Annual Report, for year 1978–79.

Fishing Industry Research Act—Fishing Industry Research Committee—10th Annual Report, for year 1978–79.

Life Insurance Act—Life Insurance Commissioner—34th Annual Report, for 1979.

Superannuation Act—Commissioner for Superannuation—Report for year 1977–78 and Superannuation Fund Investment Trust—Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General’s Report, for year 1977–78.

Wheat Industry Stabilization Act—Australian Wheat Board—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General’s Report, for year ended 30 November 1977.

6 AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS COMMISSION—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Hunt (Minister for Transport), pursuant to statute, presented the following paper:

Australian National Railways Act—Australian National Railways Commission—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General’s Report, for year 1978–79.

Mr Viner (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the paper.
Debate adjourned (Mr Morris), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 7 UNEMPLOYED YOUTH—EVALUATION OF EDUCATION PROGRAM—PAPERS AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS: Mr Fife (Minister for Education), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following papers:
Unemployed Youth—Evaluation of Education Program—Australian Council for Educational Research—

Report, dated April 1980.

Summary Report, dated April 1980.

Mr Fife, by leave, made a ministerial statement in connection with the report, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Unemployed Youth—Evaluation of Education Program—Report—Ministerial statement, 21 May 1980.

Mr Viner (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the papers.

Debate ensued.

Debate adjourned (Mr Ruddock), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 8 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE: Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:

20 May 1980—Message—

No. 461—Companies (Acquisition of Shares) 1980.

No. 462—Companies (Acquisition of Shares—Fees) 1980.

No. 463—Securities Industry 1980.

No. 464—Securities Industry (Fees) 1980.

No. 465—Companies and Securities (Interpretation and Miscellaneous Provisions) 1980.

No. 466—Australian Federal Police Amendment 1980.

No. 467—Australian Federal Police (Consequential Amendments) 1980.

No. 468—Australian Film Commission Amendment 1980.

No. 469—Income Tax Assessment Amendment (No. 2) 1980.

No. 470—Income Tax (Rates) Amendment (No. 2) 1980.

No. 471—Income Tax Assessment Amendment (No. 3) 1980.

- 9 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILL: A message from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bill:

16 May 1980—Message No. 269—Aboriginal Development Commission 1980.

- 10 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—ENERGY PRICES—PROPOSED ADVERTISING CAMPAIGN: Mr Deputy Speaker informed the House that Mr Keating had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The impropriety of the Government’s proposed advertising campaign on energy prices intended to disguise its rapacious petrol pricing policies”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Keating addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

- 11 PAPERS: The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute:

Law Reform Commission Act—Law Reform Commission—Sentencing of Federal Offenders—Report No. 15—

Interim Report.

Appendixes.

- 12 C.S.I.R.O., CLAYTON, VIC.—RESEARCH LABORATORY COMPLEXES—APPROVAL OF WORK: Mr Groom (Minister for Housing and Construction), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the

Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the Committee has duly reported to Parliament: Construction of research laboratory complexes for the C.S.I.R.O. Divisions of Applied Organic Chemistry and Materials Science, Clayton, Vic.

Question—put and passed.

- 13 COMMONWEALTH LAW COURTS, HOBART, TAS.—APPROVAL OF WORK: Mr Groom (Minister for Housing and Construction), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the Committee has duly reported to Parliament: Construction of Commonwealth Law Courts, Hobart, Tas.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 14 ROADS GRANTS BILL 1980: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—

Debate resumed by Mr Morris who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not declining to give the Bill a second reading, the House is of the opinion that—

- (1) the Bill fails to provide adequate funds to the States and the Northern Territory for road construction and maintenance in 1980–81;
- (2) the amalgamation of the former categories of urban local roads and rural local roads into a single category of local roads will lead to an inequitable distribution of road funds to units of local government;
- (3) the abolition of the minor traffic engineering and road safety category is a further abandonment by the Fraser Government of responsibility for road safety related matters, and will result in greater delay in the construction of much needed road traffic and road safety improvements;
- (4) the Government has again failed to utilise the opportunities for job creation that an expanded road construction and maintenance program offers, and
- (5) the Government has refused to provide sufficient road funds to the States and the Northern Territory for 1980–81 for the implementation of a responsible multi-modal plan for transport energy conservation”.

Debate continued.

Mr Humphreys rising to address the House—

Closure: Mr Hodges moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

And the question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—being accordingly put—

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mr Millar, in the Chair)—

AYES, 67

Mr Adermann	Mr Cotter	Mr Hunt	Mr Newman
Mr Aldred	Mr Dean	Mr Hyde	Mr Nixon
Mr Anthony	Mr Dobie	Mr Jarman	Mr O’Keefe
Mr Baillieu	Mr Drummond	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr Peacock
Mr Baume	Dr Edwards	Mr Johnston	Mr Porter
Mr Birney	Mr Ellicott	Mr Jull	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Bouchier	Mr Falconer	Mr Katter	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Bradfield	Mr Fife	Mr Lloyd	Mr Ruddock
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Fisher	Mr Lusher	Mr Shack
Mr Bungey	Mr Garland	Mr Lynch	Mr Shipton
Mr Burr	Mr Gillard	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Short
Mr Cadman	Mr Goodluck	Mr McLean	Mr Simon
Mr Cairns	Mr Graham	Mr J. E. McLeay	Mr Thomson
Mr Carlton	Mr Groom	Mr McVeigh	Mr Viner
Mr Chapman	Mr Haslem	Mr Macphee	Mr Wilson
Mr Connolly	Mr Hodges*	Mr Martyr	Mr Yates
Mr Corbett*	Mr Howard	Mr Neil	

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Mr Armitage	Mr Dawkins	Dr Jenkins	Mr Martin
Dr Blewett	Dr Everingham	Mr L. K. Johnson*	Mr Morris
Mr Bowen	Mr Fry	Mr L. R. Johnson*	Mr Wallis
Mr J. J. Brown	Mr Howe	Mr B. O. Jones	Mr West
Mr Bryant	Mr Humphreys	Mr Kerin	Mr Willis
Dr Cass	Mr Hurford	Dr Klugman	Mr Young
Mr Cohen	Mr James	Mr L. B. McLeay	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 270, dated 21 May 1980, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue and moneys for the purposes of the Bill.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and debated.

Mr Wilson rising to address the committee—

Closure: Mr Bouchier moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

And the question—That the Bill be agreed to—was put accordingly, and passed.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Dobie reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Hunt (Minister for Transport), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

- 15 COMMONWEALTH ELECTORAL AMENDMENT BILL 1980: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—

Debate resumed by Dr Klugman who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “the Bill be withdrawn and re-drafted to provide for reasonable limits on electoral expenditure to be established following an urgent Parliamentary inquiry into methods of funding the democratic process”.

Debate continued.

Mr Armitage rising to address the House—

Closure: Mr Hodges moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mr Millar, in the Chair)—

AYES, 69

Mr Adermann	Mr Chapman	Mr Hodges*	Mr Peacock
Mr Aldred	Mr Connolly	Mr Hunt	Mr Porter
Mr Anthony	Mr Corbett*	Mr Hyde	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Baillieu	Mr Cotter	Mr Jarman	Mr Ruddock
Mr Baume	Mr Dean	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Birney	Mr Dobie	Mr Johnston	Mr Shack
Mr Bouchier	Mr Drummond	Mr Jull	Mr Shipton
Mr Bradfield	Dr Edwards	Mr Katter	Mr Short
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Ellicott	Mr Lloyd	Mr Simon
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr Falconer	Mr Lusher	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bungey	Mr Fife	Mr MacKellar	Mr Staley
Mr Burns	Mr Fisher	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Thomson
Mr Burr	Mr Garland	Mr McLean	Mr Viner
Mr Cadman	Mr Gillard	Mr J. E. McLeay	Mr Wilson
Mr Cairns	Mr Goodluck	Mr McVeigh	Mr Yates
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Graham	Mr Macphee	
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Groom	Mr Moore	
Mr Carlton	Mr Haslem	Mr Neil	

NOES, 30

Mr Armitage	Dr Everingham	Mr L. K. Johnson*	Mr Martin
Dr Blewett	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr L. R. Johnson*	Mr Morris
Mr Bowen	Mr Fry	Mr B. O. Jones	Mr Wallis
Mr J. J. Brown	Mr Howe	Mr C. K. Jones	Mr West
Mr Bryant	Mr Humphreys	Mr Keating	Mr Willis
Dr Cass	Mr Hurford	Mr Kerin	Mr Young
Mr Cohen	Mr James	Dr Klugman	
Mr Dawkins	Dr Jenkins	Mr L. B. McLeay	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—being accordingly put—

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mr Millar, in the Chair)—

AYES, 68

Mr Adermann	Mr Chapman	Mr Haslem	Mr Moore
Mr Aldred	Mr Connolly	Mr Hodges*	Mr Neil
Mr Anthony	Mr Corbett*	Mr Hunt	Mr Peacock
Mr Baillieu	Mr Cotter	Mr Hyde	Mr Porter
Mr Baume	Mr Dean	Mr Jarman	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Birney	Mr Dobie	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr Ruddock
Mr Bouchier	Mr Drummond	Mr Johnston	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Bradfield	Dr Edwards	Mr Jull	Mr Shack
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Ellicott	Mr Katter	Mr Shipton
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr Falconer	Mr Lloyd	Mr Short
Mr Bungey	Mr Fife	Mr Lusher	Mr Simon
Mr Burns	Mr Fisher	Mr MacKellar	Mr Sinclair
Mr Burr	Mr Garland	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Staley
Mr Cadman	Mr Gillard	Mr McLean	Mr Thomson
Mr Cairns	Mr Goodluck	Mr J. E. McLeay	Mr Viner
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Graham	Mr McVeigh	Mr Wilson
Mr Carlton	Mr Groom	Mr Macphee	Mr Yates

NOES, 30

Mr Armitage	Dr Everingham	Mr L. K. Johnson*	Mr Martin
Dr Blewett	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr L. R. Johnson*	Mr Morris
Mr Bowen	Mr Fry	Mr B. O. Jones	Mr Wallis
Mr J. J. Brown	Mr Howe	Mr C. K. Jones	Mr West
Mr Bryant	Mr Humphreys	Mr Keating	Mr Willis
Dr Cass	Mr Hurford	Mr Kerin	Mr Young
Mr Cohen	Mr James	Dr Klugman	
Mr Dawkins	Dr Jenkins	Mr L. B. McLeay	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr J. E. McLeay (Minister for Administrative Services), the Bill was read a third time.

16 PUBLIC DUTY AND PRIVATE INTEREST—REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY—PAPER NOTED: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr J. E. McLeay (Minister for Administrative Services)—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 22 November 1979*), viz.:

Public Duty and Private Interest—Report of Committee of Inquiry, dated July 1979—

And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Bowen (*Deputy Leader of the Opposition*), viz.: That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “the Government be condemned for not making it obligatory for all Members of Parliament to disclose their pecuniary interest and that of their immediate families in a register available to the public”—

Adjournment negated: It being 10.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Mr Viner (Leader of the House) requiring the question to be put forthwith without debate—

Question—put and negated.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Debate resumed on the question—That the House take note of the paper.

Mr Hayden moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words:

- (1) the Government be condemned for not making it obligatory for all Members of Parliament to disclose their pecuniary interests and those of their immediate families in a register available to the public, and
- (2) the Committee of Inquiry into Public Duty and Private Interest be reconvened to inquire into and report on whether the Parliament should legislate to prescribe standards of behaviour of the Australian Judiciary”.

Debate continued.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mr Millar, in the Chair)—

AYES, 71

Mr Adermann	Mr Corbett*	Mr Howard	Mr Newman
Mr Aldred	Mr Cotter	Mr Hunt	Mr Nixon
Mr Baillieu	Mr Dean	Mr Hyde	Mr Porter
Mr Baume	Mr Dobie	Mr Jarman	Mr E. L. Robinson
Mr Birney	Mr Drummond	Mr P. F. Johnson	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Bourchier	Dr Edwards	Mr Johnston	Mr Ruddock
Mr Bradfield	Mr Ellicott	Mr Jull	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Falconer	Mr Katter	Mr Shack
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr Fife	Mr Lloyd	Mr Shipton
Mr Bungey	Mr Fisher	Mr Lusher	Mr Short
Mr Burns	Mr Garland	Mr MacKellar	Mr Simon
Mr Burr	Mr Gillard	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Sinclair
Mr Cadman	Mr Goodluck	Mr McLean	Mr Staley
Mr Cairns	Mr Graham	Mr J. E. McLeay	Mr Thomson
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Groom	Mr McVeigh	Mr Viner
Mr Carlton	Mr Haslem	Mr Macphee	Mr Wilson
Mr Chapman	Mr Hodges*	Mr Moore	Mr Yates
Mr Connolly	Mr Hodgman	Mr Neil	

NOES, 29

Mr Armitage	Dr Everingham	Mr L. K. Johnson*	Mr Morris
Dr Blewett	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr L. R. Johnson*	Mr Wallis
Mr Bowen	Mr Fry	Mr B. O. Jones	Mr West
Mr J. J. Brown	Mr Howe	Mr C. K. Jones	Mr Willis
Mr Bryant	Mr Humphreys	Mr Keating	Mr Young
Dr Cass	Mr Hurford	Dr Klugman	
Mr Cohen	Mr James	Mr L. B. McLeay	
Mr Dawkins	Dr Jenkins	Mr Martin	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the House take note of the paper—put and passed.

17 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Viner (Leader of the House) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until after 12 midnight—

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Debate continued.

Several Members rising to address the House—

Closure: Mr Bourchier moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

And the question—That the House do now adjourn—was put accordingly, and passed. And then the House, at 12.07 a.m., adjourned until this day at 10.30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Calder, Mr Giles, Mr Jacobi, Mr Lucock and Mr Scholes.

J. A. PETTIFER,
Clerk of the House of Representatives